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1. This communication is responsive to 10-14-04.	=		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 46-55,57 and 58.			
3. The drawings filed on 22 October 2001 and 13 September	r 2004 are accepted by the E	Examiner.	
4. ☑ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority u a) ☑ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:		or (f).	
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)		ormal Patent Application (PTO-15	52)
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1) A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10-14-04 has been entered.

2) An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In claim 46:

line 14 before "first transverse notch" insert --water-draining--In claim 58:

line 13 before "first transverse notch" insert --water-draining--Change title to --Tire including blocks and transverse notches--

- 3) Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lawrence Galvin on 12-9-04.
- 4) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven D. Maki whose telephone number is (571) 272-1221. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. Fri. 7:30 AM 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (571) 272-1156. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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